

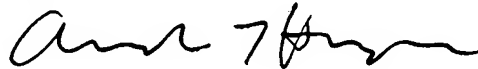
**REMARKS**

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 23, 2008, in which it is stated that claim 10 lacks a status identifier. Claim 10 has been amended to provide the status identifier "Currently Amended".

**CONCLUSION**

Based on information at paragraph 2 under Time Periods for Filing a Reply, and since the previous action was a non-final action, Applicant believes that the amendment to claim 10 is a sufficient response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Withdrawal thereof is hereby requested, and passage of claims 1, 3-24 and 27-31 to issue is earnestly solicited.

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